

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/617,906

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Appeal Brief 12/0/6/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,4,6,8 and 11.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on 17 July 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 4/30/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

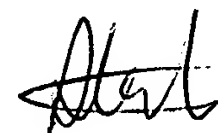
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The application has been amended as follows:

8. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium for storing a display-information deciding program, executed by a display-information deciding apparatus, for transmitting display information to an information terminal having a display screen and an input unit, wherein the program includes: (a) program code for instructing the display-information deciding apparatus to analyze a page template specified by a display information obtaining request sent from the information terminal; (b) program code for instructing the display-information deciding apparatus to obtain display-area specifying information from said page template; (c) program code for instructing the display-information deciding apparatus to obtain a plurality of banner beans related to said display-area specifying information in the display-information deciding apparatus; (d) program code for instructing the display-information deciding apparatus to inspect a plurality of schedule conditions respectively related to each a of said plurality of banner beans and determine whether each schedule condition is a bean including a banner to be embedded in said page template; (e) program code for instructing the display-information deciding apparatus to obtain display-image specifying information and link-destination-URL specifying information from a banner bean judged as a bean including a banner to be embedded in said page template; and (f) program code for instructing the display-information deciding apparatus to transmit display image data corresponding to the display-image specifying information and character string information corresponding to said link-destination-URL specifying information to the information terminal.

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11. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium for storing an object to be accessed by a display-information deciding apparatus for transmitting the corresponding display information in response to a request for obtaining an HTML file including a Servlet defining section containing a display-area specifying information and display attribute information as parameters sent from an information terminal having a display screen and an input unit, comprising: (a) a banner bean holding banner-display-image specifying information for specifying a display image of a banner displayed in a display area and banner-link-destination-URL specifying information for specifying a link destination URL of said banner as properties; and (b) an arrangement object for holding said banner bean, the display-area specifying information, and schedule information serving as a condition for said banner to be displayed in a display area by relating said banner bean, the display-area specifying information, and said schedule information with each other.



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